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SUBJ: NARCOTICS LEGISLATION

1. DURING CALL JULY 8 ON PALACE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR
CHIRAN THAPA, CHARGE MENTIONED CONTINUED USG
INTEREST IN PASSAGE OF NARCOTICS CONTROL LEGISLATION. HE
SAID THAT EMBASSY WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT LEGISLATION WOULD
NOT BE INTRODUCED AT CURRENT SESSION OF RASTRIYA PANCHAYAT
CONTRARY TO OUR EARLIER UNDERSTANDING. HE STRESSED IMPOR-
TANCE WHICH USG ATTACHES TO CONTROL OF TRAFFICKING AND
ADDED THAT WE WELCOMED RECENTLY INCREASED PENALTIES FOR
THOSE APPREHENDED FOR SMUGGLING HASHISH AND ITS DERIVATIVES.
CHARGE ADDED THAT WE ALSO WELCOMED RAW GANJA PRODUCTION
CONTROLS WHICH GON HAS AND IMPOSED. ON TERAJ CULTIVATION
CHARGE NOTED THAT PRIMARY US INTEREST IS CONTROL ON
PRODUCTION OF DERIVATIVES AND ON TRAFFICKING OF ALL GANJA PRODUCTS
PARTICULARLY CONCENTRATES SUCH AS HASHISH OIL.

2. CHIRAN THAPA RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT HE APPRECIATED
THIS CLARIFICATION OF THE US POSITION, ADDING THAT HE HAD
NOT PREVIOUSLY FOCUSED ON THE PRIORITY WHICH WE ATTACHED
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TO TRAFFICKING. HE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH CONTROLS ON PRO-

DUCTION OF WILD GANJA IN WESTERN HILLS WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT GIVEN RELATIVE BACKWARDNESS AND POVERTY OF THAT AREA, THERE WOULD BE NO GOING BACK ON PROHIBITION ON LICENSED GROWTH IN THE TERAJ WHERE ALTERNATE CASH

CROPS COULD BE FOUND. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MUCH EASIER TO OBTAIN PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION IF FOCUS WAS ON TRAFFICKING AND HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OUR CONTINUED CONCERN.

3. CHIRAN THAPA ALSO COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS AN INCREASING AWARENESS OF NARCOTICS PROBLEMS IN NEPAL, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE RECENT UPSURGE IN USE BY N HALESE YOUTH OF MANDREX AND OTHER DEPRESSANTS. (SEE KATHMANDU A-52). WHILE PREVIOUSLY NEPALESE HAD TENDED TO ASSUME THAT DRUG ABUSE WAS EXCLUSIVELY A WESTERN PHENOMENON, NOW MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WERE COMING TO REALIZE THAT THIS WAS A LOCAL PROBLEM AS WELL AND THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROLS.

4. COMMENT: REALISTICALLY WE MUST ASSUME THAT NO NARCOTICS LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED BEFORE THE WINTER SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE EARLY IN 1976. HOWEVER BY FOCUSING NEPALESE ATTENTION ON THE TRAFFICKING ISSUE AND THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO EFFECTIVE CONTROLS, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO STIMULATE GON TO TAKE LEGISLATIVE STEPS THAT TIME WHICH WOULD MEET OUR BASIC GOALS. QUANTON

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